



Tools for Funding Future Infrastructure Projects Regional Training Event

Ritzville, Washington

What:

No-Cost Training and Tech Team Opportunity

When:

Tuesday, May 24: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

OR

Wednesday, May 25: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Where:

[Washington Association of Wheat Growers](#)
109 East First Avenue, Ritzville, WA 99169

Deadline to Register for Training is May 16.

Training Sessions (same for both days):

- 9:00 am General Session: State & Federal Funding Program Panel
- 10:00 am Project Planning and Cost Effectiveness – David Dunn PE, [Department of Ecology](#)
- 11:00 am Complimentary Lunch
- 11:45 am Asset Management – Karen Klocke, [Department of Health](#), and Heather Cannon, [Rural Community Assistance Corp \(RCAC\)](#)
- 2:00 pm Rate Setting – [FCS Group](#)

To view Session Descriptions visit: www.pwb.wa.gov/Resource-Center/Training

Tech Team Meetings:

On May 24 and 25, staff from a variety of state and federal funding programs will be available to meet individually with a limited number of communities or water & sewer systems, to discuss your priority infrastructure needs. Pre-registered Tech Team meetings will be held concurrent with the session times. If you are interested in a Tech Team, indicate this on your registration. Please do not request a meeting if you have had a recent tech team meeting on the same project. **Deadline to request a Tech Team is April 15.** Questions? Contact Carrie Calleja at carrie.calleja@commerce.wa.gov or (360)725-3015.

Registration available at:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/com/pwbdata/TrainingregistrationR.aspx>

Or contact Jacquie Andresen at jacquie.andresen@commerce.wa.gov

Seating is limited in this facility so please register early.

Complimentary lunch provided by the [Public Works Board](#).

Refreshments provided by the [Department of Ecology](#).

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May 24, 2016 or May 25, 2016

(Same schedule both days)

Agenda

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- 9:00 a.m. • Welcome and Introductions by *Scott Hutsell, Public Works Board Member*

GENERAL SESSION: FUNDING PROGRAM OVERVIEW

This panel session will provide information on new policies, requirements, and areas of focus for a variety of infrastructure funding programs, including Dept. of Health's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, Dept. of Ecology's water quality funding, USDA Rural Development, Community Development Block Grant, Community Economic Revitalization Board, Public Works Trust Fund, and more!

9:45 a.m. **BREAK**
Opportunity to speak to individual program staff

- 10:00 a.m. **PROJECT PLANNING AND COST EFFECTIVENESS**
- Goals – To help water/wastewater utilities provide cost effective and affordable service to their customers
 - Responsibility - Funding agencies have a mandate to fund affordable and cost effective projects
 - Key Questions - "What does it mean for a project to be cost effective?"
 - "Who gets to decide if your project is affordable?"
 - Outcomes - Describe the tools used to calculate cost effectiveness and affordability
 - Teach you the steps to build cost effectiveness into your project from the start
- David Dunn, Department of Ecology*

**PRE-REGISTERED
TECH TEAM #1**

11:00 a.m. **LUNCH**
Opportunity to speak to individual program staff

- 11:45 a.m. **ASSET MANAGEMENT**
- Objectives for this Session:
- Define Asset management
 - Understand and Explain the benefits of an asset management program
 - Identify steps your system can take to begin an asset management program
- Karen Klocke, Department of Health, and Heather Cannon, Rural Community Assistance Corp (RCAC)*

**PRE-REGISTERED
TECH TEAM #2**

1:45 p.m. **BREAK**
Opportunity to speak to individual program staff

- 2:00 p.m. **RATE SETTING**
- Review the key steps of a utility rate study from understanding your community's sensitivities and priorities to aligning your rate structure with your goals and objectives
 - Provide a framework to help you build a multi-year financial plan that will assess what your rates can support today and where they may need to go in the future to keep your systems in good repair and continue to provide safe and reliable utility service
- FCS Group*

**PRE-REGISTERED
TECH TEAM #3**

4:00 p.m. **WRAP UP**

Tech Teams Scheduled to run concurrently with training sessions.

Professional Credits offered at the Ritzville Training Event

CML: 5 Certificate of Municipal Leadership (CML) credits in the Public Sector Resources category will be awarded if you attend all training sessions.

CEU: Continuing Education Unit (CEU) credits will be awarded as follows:

- Project Planning and Cost Effectiveness = 0.1 CEUs
- Asset Management = 0.2 CEUs
- Rate Setting = 0.2 CEUs.

They will be awarded for both water and wastewater (pending for wastewater only) operators. Operators must attend at least two of the technical sessions to obtain a minimum of 0.3 CEUs to obtain credit.